No. M-13011/6/84-W. IV
Government of India

Ministry of Labour & Rehabilitation
(Department of Labour)

Dated, New Delhi, the 11th December, 1984.

To

All Welfare Commissioners.

Subject:—Scheme on 'Financial Assistance to School going children of Beedi Workers for supply of one set of dress' under Beedi Workers Welfare Fund—reg.

Sir,

I am directed to say that a scheme for financial assistance to school going children (1st Standard only) of Beedi Workers for supply of one set of dress has been approved by the Government and a copy of the same is enclosed. (*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 12) I am to convey the sanction of the President for adoption of the scheme under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund.

2. The financial assistance is subject to the conditions laid down in the scheme and may be sanctioned by the Welfare Commissioner on the recommendation of the Finance Sub-Committee/State Advisory Committee subject to the provision in the sanctioned budget.

3. This issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with Fin. II Branch *vide* their U. O. No. 2562|84-Fin. II, dated 1-12-1984.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(KANWAR RAJINDER SINGH)
Under Secretary

Copy to:—

1. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Labour (MS), New Delhi.

2. All Welfare Administrators.

3. The Deputy Controller of Accounts, Internal Audit, Chandigarh.

4. Fin. II Branch.

5. Audit Cell

6. Guard File.

7. Spare copies (100).

Sd/-

(KANWAR RAJINDER SINGH)
Under Secretary

Beedi Workers' Welfare Fund

349. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of income and expenditure under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund during the year 1985-86;

(b) whether there is any scheme for providing housing loans to beedi workers; if so, what amount was spent on various heads including loans to beedi workers for housing during the same period; and

(c) what amount has been earmarked for 1986-87 for providing housing loans to beedi workers, region-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) During 1985-86 the income and expenditure under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund was:

Income .....Rs. 307.92 Lakhs
Expenditure.....Rs. 257.59 Lakhs

(b) Yes, Sir. Scheme for 'Build your own housing Scheme' has a stipulation for Rs. 1 thousand as subsidy and Rupees 4 thousand as interest free loan recoverable over a period of Nine years.

The amount spent was...Rs. 5.80 Lakhs Build your own housing Scheme 116 houses were sanctioned. Break up of the amount is:

Loan.....Rs. 4.64 Lakhs and
Subsidy.....Rs. 1.16 Lakhs
Besides grant-in-aid of Rs. 14.46 lakhs was paid to State Governments for constructing 484 houses under the Scheme of houses for Economically weaker Section.

(c) For 1986-87 an amount of Rs. 63,000/- has budgeted for loans under 'Build your own Housing Scheme'. The allocation is not done region-wise.

Balance of Trade Position

350. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the balance of trade position of India during the last three years, years-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the trade gap is widening beyond expectation; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken to improve India's trade with foreign countries;

(d) whether Government have recently decided to offer considerable incentives for boosting exports; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The balance of trade posititon of India during 1983-84, 1984-85 and April—December 1985 alongwith the corresponding period of the previous year is as under:—

(Value Rs. Crores)

	India,s Balance of Trade	
1983-84	(—)	5890.85
1984-85	(—)	5318.10
(April—Dec. (P)		
1984	(—)	3599.97
1985	(—)	6211.00

(P) Provisional and subject to revision.

Apart from difficult International economic environment, the decline in our overall exports during the first nine months of 1985-86 is attributable partly to the fact that the exports of crude oil, which had reached a peak level of Rs.1563 crores during the year 1984-85, have virtually stopped after April, 1985 due to development of domestic refining capacity. The exports of crude oil during the first nine months of 1985-86 was only Rs. 135.15 crores.

Apart from bulk commodities like fertilizers and the increase in imports during the first nine months of 1985-86 has been mostly with regard to industrial raw materials, intermediates and capital goods which are indicative of developmental needs of the economy.

(c) to (e) With a view to boost our exports, vigorous promotional measures have been taken during the recent past. These include diversifying our productiion base, modernising our productive apparatus strengthening of institutional support, modification and periodic revision of our industrial policies, fiscal incentives to exporters, etc.

Settlement of Border dispute with China

351. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the talks held recently with the Vice-Foreign Minister of China to sort out the border dispute, certain new issues were raised by China; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto and its